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January 13, 1953.

Dr. Stewart M. Robinson, 23 Kempshall Pl., Elizabeth 3, N.J.

Dear Dr. Robinson:

Your set of the Peter Smith edition of Evans will be along shortly. I am happy to say that I was mistaken regarding the price. It was originally published at \$200.00 retail with a 25% discount to the trade. I paid \$150.00 for mine. The price has now been reduced to \$100.00 and I am sure that you will get that much use out of it.

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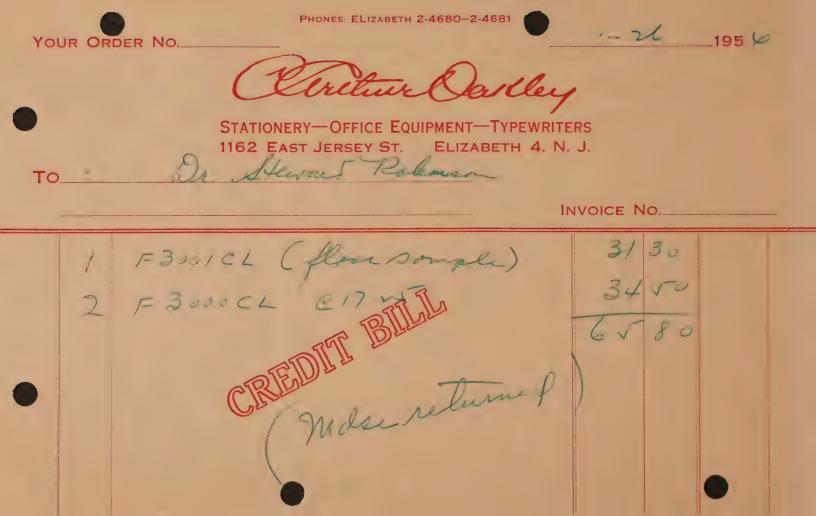
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For my thesis I have chosen "The Chaplain Corp
United States Army. Since I wrote to Chaplain Martin for material He
has given me all that is available and suggested I write to you.
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Dear Doctor Robinson:

The Papers of the Continental Congress are now in the National Archives. I have, therefore, referred your request of May 12th to that repository for attention!

Faithfully yours,

David C. Mearns

Chief

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Dr. Stewart M. Robinson 23 Kempshall Place Elizabeth 3, New Jersey

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION



National Archives and Records Service Washington 25, D.C.

May 19, 1953

Dr. Stewart M. Robinson 23 Kempshall Place Elizabeth 3, New Jersey

Dear Dr. Robinson:

The Library of Congress has referred to the National Archives, for reply, your letter of May 6, 1953, requesting a negative photostat of a letter from Adam Boyd to the Continental Congress dated July 8, 1777.

An examination of the manuscript Papers of the Continental Congress reveals a letter dated July 4, 1777, from Adam Boyd to Thomas Burke and John Penn, Members of the Continental Congress, regarding the setting aside of the appointments of N. Carolina chaplains and the resulting inconveniences to said chaplains. This letter is located in Item 78, Volume II, folios 219-222.

Since your citation is correct in every detail except the date and since the indexes to the Papers of the Continental Congress fail to give any other reference to a Boyd letter in 1777, it is quite likely that this is the document to which you have reference.

Should you desire a negative photostatic copy of this letter, which consists of two pages plus the signature page, such copy can be furnished at the rate of \$0.25 per page.

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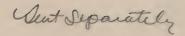
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Dr. Stewart M. Robinson

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Dear Dr. Robinson:

We do not have letters of Rev. Benj. David to
Nicholas Brown. These letters must be in another
library -- possibly the Presbyterian Historical Society -as we do not number our letters.

The reverse side of the John Rosbrugh letter reads as follows: "To Mrs. Jean Rosbrugh

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Alex. Barde

The Second Letter."

In your request for a researcher to find letters of colonial clergy between 1773 and 1783, is the search to be confined to our collections only or do you wish him to comb other libraries in the City?

Very sincerely yours,

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R. N. Williams, 2nd Director

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New York, June 11, 1953

Dr. Stewart M. Robinson 23 Kempshall Place Elizabeth, New Jersey

Dear Dr. Robinson:

We have your letter of June ninth expressing an interest in the Dr. Samuel Adams' Diary for the period March 14, 1778 onward to the end of his services with the Armed Forces.

The final entry for your purpose seems to be September 14, 1782 although he there records that he was discharged under date of August 8th. Photographic reproductions of this period would require somewhere over 135 exposures. To be truthful, we are very reluctant to have photostating done from these little notebooks. As you know, the entries extend right up to the margins on both sides of the page; some of the volumes are stitched. We feel very sure that the pressure and the stress of turning these pages and placing them under the glass of the photostat machine will be harmful. If it is at all possible, we would prefer to help you in your research task in some manner short of photostating. Is this feasible?

Very truly yours,

Robert W. Hill

Keeper of Manuscripts

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FIFTH AVENUE & 42ND STREET New York 18, N. Y.

New York, June 11, 1953

Dr. Stewart M. Robinson 23 Kempshall Place, Elizabeth 3, New Jersey

Dear Dr. Robinson:

The text of the Declaratory Act appears in The Massachusetts Gazette and Boston News-Letter, Number 3268 (Thursday, May 22, 1766). It is possible that the Act was also printed in other Boston newspapers, but our files lack some issues just around this period.

I have asked the Photographic Service to send you a photostat of this page from the above newspaper and charged to your account as you requested.

Sincerely yours,

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Lewis M. Stark, Chief Reserve Division

THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF PENNSYLVANIA 1300 Locust Street Philadelphia 7

July 2, 1953

Dr. Stewart M. Robinson 23 Kempshall Place Elizabeth 3, New Jersey

Dear Dr. Robinson:

I have spoken to Mr. B. Hoff Knight (442 West School Lane, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania) a member of this Society who I am told is quite thorough in his research work. I suggest that you communicate directly with him and give him your instructions as you wish them carried out.

We believe it might be wise for you to have the records of the Church Historical Society (Episcopal) combed also. This Society is located at 4205 Spruce Street, Philadelphia 4, Pennsylvania.

Very sincerely yours,

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R. N. Williams, 2nd Director

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New York Public Library Room 303 Mr. Lewis M. Stark, Chief

Dear Mr.Stark:

Can NYPL supply me with neg. 'stats.

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- 4- APTHORP, East Sermon on General Fast, Friday December 13 London 1776
- 5- APTHORP, East Review of Br. Mayhew's Remarks on the Answer food to His Observations etc on the SPG London, 1765

I hope this finds you on vacation.

Many thanks and all good wishes,

Ever sincerely,

Stewart M Robinson

Mr.B.Noff Knight, 442 West School Lane, Philadelphia, Penna.

Dear Mr. Knight:

Mr. R. N. Williams, 2nd very graciously auggested that I write you.

I should like to get negative photostats of letters written by colonial clergy covering the period 1750-1787.

Would one dollar per hour be a satisfactory fee to you to locate such letters in the Hist. Society of Fenna.? Mr. Williams suggests that the files of the Church Hist. Cociety at 4205 D ruce attect be likewise combed. Dr. Manross has been most kind with brief data furnished already.

One item has especially interested me, viz., the conference held in 1774 (May-June) by John Dickinson with Phila.city clergy prior to his submitting resolutions to the Jenna. Provincial Convention. Dr. Stille refers to the incident on page 115 of his Life of Dickinson. It is at the beginning of chapter V, line 10. Tossibly here letters of non-clerical persons would throw light on the clergy.

Since I desire the photostats it would only be necessary to identify them, and have the negatives prepared. For the time being I shall be much satisfied to cover the records at 1300 Locust and let the Epruce Street repository wait.

If you can help me I will forward a sum to the Society as a deposit and take care of the bills as submitted. I have such an arrangement with the NYFL and LibCong.

I am having Evans searched for all printed pamphlets by clergy.

If the hour rate is not satisfactory please advise. No money can repay the kindness and interest so meny people show in researches of this kind.

Thanking you for any help or suggestions, I am,

Linearely yours,

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FIFTH AVENUE & 42ND STREET
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New York, July 8, 1953

Dr. Stewart M. Robinson 23 Kempshall Place Elizabeth 3, New Jersey

Dear Dr. Robinson:

I am sure that your "credit is good" at most libraries and historical institutions. The New York Public Library is almost the only library that requires advance payment.

My sincere best wishes.

Very truly yours,

John A. Gault, First Assistant

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THE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY LIBRARY PRINCETON, NEW JERSEY

KENNETH S. GAPP, PH.D. LIBRARIAN

July 9, 1953

Dr. Stewart M. Robinson 23 Kempshall Place Elizabeth 3, New Jersey

Dear Dr. Robinson:

We have received your letter of July 7 and are writing to ask for a little clarification so that we can start work on your problem without waiting for Dr. Gapp to return from vacation.

As we understand it, you want to know what our library has of printed letters and sermons of colonial clergy of the period from 1750-1787.

We have a set of about 1,000 bound volumes of pamphlets called the Sprague Collection. This collection is in the rare book room and must be used in the library. It contains many sermons of the period in which you are interested. In a quick glance at the check list of the collection, we spotted 25 sermons in the first 10 volumes. The proportion would not be that high all through the collection because pamphlets have been bound approximately by date of publication.

We could go through the check list as time permits and indicate by volume and item number those which are in your field. Then perhaps you could visit our library to examine what we have found. Other smaller collections have pertinent material too and could be handled in the same way.

Another approach would be for you to give us the names of the men you are interested in and we could check for works by them in our main catalogue. If the list were long we would once more be faced with the problem of passing our findings on to you without becomming involved in a prohibitive amount of clerical work.

Perhaps you have a workable plan to suggest. At any rate, we should be very glad to help you. Please let us know the procedure which would be most suitable to your needs.

Cordially yours,

Isabelle Stouffer,
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July 10, 1953

Dr. Stuart M. Robinson 23 Kempshall Place Elizabeth 3, New Jersey

Dear Dr. Robinson:

We have received your letter of June 24th. It is not this Society which owns the letters from the Rev. Ebenezer David to Nicholas Brown, dated Valley Forge, December 22, 1777 and February 3, 1778. Those letters are owned by The John Carter Brown Library, and are published as Letters Nos. XIX and XX, in Rhode Island Chaplain in the Revolution, Letters of Ebenezer David to Nicholas Brown, 1775-1778, edited by Jeannette D. Black and William Greene Roelker, about which you inquired in your postcript. That volume was published, as you know, at Providence in 1949 by The Rhode Island Society of the Cincinnati, and part of the edition was distributed among members of that Society and also among the associates of The John Carter Brown Library. If a letter addressed to the Rhode Island Society of the Cincinnati, Providence, does not reach the Society, you might address that Society in care of The John Carter Brown Library, in Providence.

Very truly yours,

Dorothy/C. Barck

Librarian

July 15,1953

Pastor: Trinity Lutheran Church Reading, Penna.

Dear Sir: A Secretary and the second to The secretary and the second to the

Can you please inform me regarding a diary of The Rev John Peter Gabriel Muhlenberg 1770 - 1774?

From a memo on a sheet in the Library of Congress
I quote: "The Diary which is in the possession of Trinity
Lutheran Church of Reading, Penna was translated into English
by the Neverend J.W. Early of Reading in 1904".

Miss K R Loose of Reading made a translation of a letter of the Rev F A C Muhlenbery to the Rev J P G Muhlenbery copy of which is in the Congressional Library and attached to it is the memorandum I have quoted.

Thanking you for any information you can conveniently send, I am,

With sincere appreciation, Sincerely yours

Stewart M Robinson

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16 July 1953

NYPL - Room 228

Dear Sir:

May I please have a negative photostat of the Stamp Act in your

Great Britain, Statutes Gentixx

I prefer it from the London 1766 copy (not the abstracts)

Also same of the Repeal of the Stamp Acts.

I have the Declaratory Acts Anno 6 Geo II Reg Cap XII.

I have a charge account at NYPL.

Thanking you I am,

Very sincerely,

Stewart M Robinson



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GUY S. KLETT, RESEARCH HISTORIAN

July 17, 1953

Rev. Stewart M. Robinson 23 Kempshall Place Elizabeth 3, New Jersey

Dear Stew:

I plan to go on my vacation with the close of this week for a period of two weeks. So I am afraid I do not have enough time to give special attention to your inquiry about the Fagg's Manor School and the Rev. Samuel Blair. Nor do I have time to check on the matter of additional copies of Sprague, Witherspoon, and Davies, but I trust that I may have a chance to do so upon my return in the early part of August.

It seems to me that either Webster or Sprague list some of the names of the pupils of Fagg's Manor School, but I do not know of anything that exists in the way of a complete list of the graduates of that school. The Rev. J. D. Edminston Turner, pastor at Mercersburg, has been interested in Blair since he was located at Fagg's Manor for a time. He prepared a study on Blair which we printed in our Journal. (December, 1951, Volume XXIX, Number 4)

The young man to whom I gave the job which you wanted to be done on Evans has not reported to me on the work that he has done since his marriage. Of course, one cannot blame him for not doing so since it is relatively a very short time that has elapsed since his wedding day. But I shall endeavor to contact him in the near future to see whether or not he has made any progress on the job which was assigned to him.

Thank you for your good wishes and trusting that you will have an enjoyable summer, I am

Sincerely yours

Guy S. Klett

Research Historian

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION



National Archives and Records Service Washington 25, D. C.

July 20, 1953

Mr. Stewart M. Robinson 23 Kempshall Place Elizabeth 3, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Robinson:

This is in reply to your letter dated July 10, 1953 requesting a negative photostatic copy of a sermon preached by Zabdiel Adams at Lunenberg, Boston in 1775.

We regret to inform you that an examination of the indexes to the Papers of the Continental Congress and to related records has failed to reveal any reference pertinent to the above inquiry. However, should further information relevant to this subject be discovered, we would be glad to undertake a further search for the desired material.

Very truly yours,

For: Thad Page, Acting Chief Archivist
Diplomatic & Judicial Becords Branch

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FIFTH AVENUE & 42ND STREET NEW YORK 18, N. Y.

New York, 29 July 1953

Dear Dr. Robinson:

I am very sorry to say that I have not been successful in trying to determine where the originals of most of George Whitefield's letters are, or whether there are others besides those published in the 1771 edition of his Works.

Mr. Hill, the Library's Keeper of Manuscripts. whom you probably know, reports that they have one letter of Whitefield's in the Manuscripts Division, and a few facsimiles. These, however. are all dated well before the Stamp Act period. This is also true of five Whitefield letters in the Lambeth Palace archives (Jan.-Sept. 1741) and a 1740 letter in the Fulham Palace archives which Mr. mill found reported in Charles M. Andrews & F. G. Davenport's Guide to the materials for the history of the United States to 1783, in the British Museum, in minor London archives ... (Washington, 1908).

I have also checked the Reports of the Histo-/rical Manuscripts Commission of Great Britain. One interesting letter to Whitefield from William Smith, New York, Dec. 6, 1765, in the collection of the Earl of Dartmouth is summarized on p.331-332 of the Commission's Eleventh Report, Appendix, Part V (1887). This letter refers at some length

to the Stamp Act.

Sincerely yours,

Luis U. Stark Lewis M. Stark, Chief Reserve Division

Please Can I set? State this? Imeanfull letter not abstract

Rev. Dr. Stewart M. Robinson 23 Kempshall Place Elizabeth 3. New Jersey

442 West School House Lane, Philadelphia 44, Pennsylvania, August 10, 1953.

Dr. Stewart M. Robinson, Cherry Hill, Delhi, New York.

Dear Dr. Robinson:

It has taken me some little time during the evenings to arrange my notes, hence the delay in writing you.

Answering your specific questions concerning Chaplains Samuel Blair and Robert McMordie, I have been unable to locate positive proof that they were at Valley Forge during the period of the encampment. "Valley Forge - A Chronicle of American Heroism", by Frank H. Taylor, second and revised edition, 1911, shows that their outfits were stationed there but the official records are not convincing in definitely establishing the fact that Chaplains Blair and McMordie were there. So that you may draw your own conclusions, I quote what I have found as to their service.

"Pennsylvania Archives, Fifth Series", Vol. II, 1906.
Roster of Field and Staff Officers. Colonels William Thompson and Edward Hand.
Chaplain. Blair, Rev'd Samuel, appointed November 9, 1775. (Page 15)

Third Brigade, Gen. Edward Hand.

Chaplains. Rogers, Rev. Villiam *****. Blair, Rev. Samuel, formerly chaplain of First regiment, March 1, 1779; subsequently transferred to the artillery and to rank from March 1, 1777. (Page 574)

Roster of Field and Staff Officers.

Chaplains. Blair, Rev. Samuel, resigned August 11, 1777. "He being much indisposed resigned, and we must now trust to the prayers of the faithful for we have no chaplain." - Col. Chambers' letter to Gen. Hand. Mr. Blair was subsequently chaplain Thrid Brigade (Hand's), and then to the artillery brigade. He died in Germantown, Penn'a, September 23, 1818, aged seventy-seven. (Page 632) First Regiment - 1776.

Return of the officers present and absent of the first Regiment of Foot in the Dervice of the United American States, Commanded by col. "dw'd Hand, West Chester, Oct. 5, 1776.

Chaplain. Sam'l Blair. (Page 640)

"Pennsylvania Archives, Fifth Series", Vol. IV, 1906.

Depreciation Pay. Artillery.

Blair, Samuel, Rev., chaplain, (Brigade).

Thinking the newspapers at the time of his death might shed some further facts upon his life, I searched and found an obituary but it was silent in this respect.

"Poulson's American Daily Advertiser", Friday Morning, September 25, 1818, Vol. XLVII, Number 13,055, page 3, column 4.

DIED, at Germantown on the 24th inst. the Rev. SAMUL BLAIR, D. D., aged 77. The relatives and friends of the family, together with the Reverend Clergy of the Philadelphia Presbytery, (of which he was a member) are invited to attend the funeral, on Saturday morning at 9 o'clock, without a more particular invitation, from his late dwelling house in Germantown.

"Pennsylvania Archives, Fifth Series", Vol. II, 1906.

Second Brigade. Pennsylvania Line.

Chaplain. McMordie, Rev. Robert, from chaplain of Eleventh Penn'a. July -, 1779; a pointed in the First Penn'a, July 12, 1780, to rank from May 17, 1777. (Page 574) Continental Line. First Pennsylvania.

Roster of Field and Staff Officers.

Chaplains. McDordie, Rev. Robert, appointed July 12, 1780; he was chaplain to the

"Pennsylvania Archives, Fifth Series", Vol. III, 1906.
Continental Line. Eleventh Pennsylvania.
Chaplain. McMordie, Robert, May 17, 1777; appointed brigade chaplain in July, 1779; thence transferred to First Penn'a, July 12, 1780; resided on Marsh creek, York county, now Adams, January 17, 1791. (Page 591)
Tleventh Pennsylvania Regiment. Of the old Eleventh but two returns have been found; List of June 11, 1777, *****. The other return, dated November 1, 1777, gives the following data: *****, Chaplain McMurdie, absent, with leave; *****. (Page 587)

In the Dreer Collection I came across the "Order for the payment of Rev. Robert McMurdie Chaplain of the first Regiment of the Pennsylvania Line, or his order, the sum of Tighteen pounds sixteen shillings and five pence, May 5th, 1785, interest on his depreciation certificate." This is the original document. Not having the date and place of his death at hand, I did not follow through to see if an obituary would give any further information.

Regarding Rev. Andrew Hunter, I located one letter of his pen but it did not contain anything of importance. However, that does not mean that there may not be others and I will look further when the summer period of the Historical Society is over.

Careful search has failed to produce anything bearing upon the conference John Dickinson held in May or June, 1774 with the clergy prior to submitting resolutions to the Provincial Convention. No reference to it, as such, occurs in the "Pennsylvania Archives" unless recorded under the names of the ministers attending. Knowing most of the clergy of the time, I will go through the index later on. There may be something on it in "Colonial Records" and I will examine those, also.

Some years ago while compiling a record of my wife's ancestry, I came across the following in the Virginia archives:

"Petition of Prince William County Baptists, May 11, 1776. (Endorsed "Prince Wm Baptists, referred to Comm'ee of Religion)

To the Honourable Speaker, and other Members of the honourable Convention of Virginia, the petition of a Baptist Church at Occoquan Pr. William County hereby sheweth, That Whereas, this Colony with others, is now contending for the civil rights & liberties of mankind against the enslaving schemes of a powerful Enemy.

The being convinced that the strictest unanimity among ourselves very necessary in this most critical conjunction of public affairs; and that every remaining cause of animosity and division may if possible be removed, have thought it our duty as peaceable Christians, to petition for several religious privileges which as yet we have not been indulged within this part of the world. Viz 1. That we be allowed to worship God in our own way, without interruption. 2. That we be permitted to maintain our own Ministers &c. and no other. 3. That we and our friends who desire it, may be married, buried and the like, without paying the Parsons of any other denomination. These things being granted, we will gladly unite with our Brethren of other denominations, and to the utmost of our ability promote the common cause of Freedom, always praying for your welfare & success.

Signed in behalf of the Church, this 19th day of May 1776, by us, *****."
Then follows the names of forty nine signers. Semple gives the name of the minister as Rev. David Thomas but I have not been able to locate any letters by him. There is no doubt in my mind, however, that he was a patriot.

Among the letters examined, I have listed the following with my comments gained through the catalogue, notations on the letters, excerpts from the letters, personal knowledge, and through other sources. As previously explained, some may be useful merely as supplemental material; some only as suggestions for further research; those marked with an asterisk have been tentatively selected for photostating but of

these, a number will probably be eliminated. An "A" means chaplain of the French & Indian Tars; "3" a chaplain of the Revolution; "C" a patriot.

		lution; "C" a patriot.
Francis Alison	Oct. 24, 1777	
Francia Asbury	Apr. 24, 1786	To His Excellency General Washington.
Charles Beatty	Sept. 29, 1758	Speaks of defeat at Fort Duquense.
Jacob Duche	Aug. 6, 1789	Loyalist.
Jonathan Edwards	July 13, 1744	
Samuel Finley	Dec. 6, 1763	Memtions Whitefield preached 3 times at college
Solomon Friligh	Feb. 2, 1784	
Thomas Frink	May 14, 1754	
Hezekiah Gold	May 7, 1754	
Enos Hitchcock	Aug. 12, 1791	B (Brigade).
John Hooker	Nov. 2, 1766	
Samuel Keene	Nov. 19, 1779	
William Marshall	Aug. 25, 1770	Petition to N. J. Assembly.
John Murray	July 2, 1777	Sent provisions to Maine.
Richard Peters	July 9, 1757	
	May 20, 1763	
Benjamin Pomeroy	Nov. 17, 1792	A & B.
Daniel Barton	Apr. 2, 1763	To Governor of Maryland.
John Carmichael	June 4, 1775	Sermon "A Self-defensive war proved Lawful".
John Clarke	May 27, 1790	Petition to Congress of U.S accuracy in
		the Bible.
Robert Cooper	Oct. , 1772	Meeting Presbytery, Donegal - Indian affairs.
Samuel Dana	Aug. 25, 1788	Judge of Probate.
James Deane	May 20, 1778	Meeting Oneida Sachems; address to Col Willett, commanding at Fort Schuyler.
James Deane*	June 23, 1779	
William Rogers	May 30, 1791	B (Brigade). Memorial to Covernor Thomas Mifflin of Pennsylvania, against taking a free negro and selling him into slavery.
John Sergeant		Translated whole New Testament, excepting Revelations, into Indian language; advertised in newspaper, probably Boston, 1753.
James Sproat	July 4, 1791	Mentions Dr. Rogers of the Cincinnati spoke.
Stephen West*	Feb. 6, 1776	English, Irish and West Indies preparing for assault on Virginia.
Eleazer Wheelock*	Aug. 6, 1775	Addressed to Hon. Peter Schuyler, Major General of the American forces.
Elhanan Winchester	Feb. 13, 1793	
Amos Adams*	June 5, 1775	One room given him in his own house; troops occupying the balance.
Francis Alison*	No date	To Hon. Committee of Safety, recommending candidate for commission.
Samuel Auchmutz*	Jan. 4, 1769	Bearing on an election; loyalist.
Jacob Bacon*	Sept. 23, 1755	A.
Thomas Barton*	Nov. 30, 1765	Inviting Sir William Johnson to join Society
James Caldwell*	Mar. 4, 1777	for spreading gospel; loyalist. To Colonel Irwin, Commissary General, Morristown, concerning cattle for the army; B.
Thomas Bradbury Chand	ler Apr. 20,1789	To Elias Boudinot, urging appointment of his son-in-law as Collector.
Samuel Cooper*	Sept. 12, 1782	and the state of t
George Duffield*	Aug. 16, 1780	
John Elder*	July 30, 1757	
Andrew Eliot*	July 6, 1762	
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First Roman Catholic priest.

A (Gridley's Regiment).

Mar. 19, 1757

Sept. 19, 1761 Dec. 28, 1774

Robert Harding

Gideon Hawley Samuel Hopkins

Samuel Hopkins	Feb. 10, 1786	
	Jan. 22, 1787	
	Nov. 27, 1787	
Samuel Johnson	Oct. 10, 1766	
Sansom Occum	July 19, 1762	First Indian pupil educated by Rev. Wheelock;
		Indian missionary.
John Ogilvie	May 30, 1756	•
David Parsons	Sept. 2, 1755	
John Pemberton	7th mo 23d 1756	
Richard Peters	May 18, 1755	
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Christian Frederick Pos	-	Journal.
Peter Power	May 14, 1765	0 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 00 0
Roger Price	Not dated	
Philip Reading	Sept. 19, 1775	Loyalist.
Louis Charles Rudolph	Aug. 23, 1749	70 J 47 7 10 6
Richard Treat	May 22, 1759	
Nathan Williams	Aug. 14, 1755	
William Williams	Nov. 1, 1756	Concerning conduct of F & I War and possibility
18 de de de COLLE 18 de de de COLLEGE	11016 1, 1100	of peace with France.
Matthew Wilson	June 11, 1786	or proof
Samuel Woodward	Sept. 19, 1775	
Samuel Hopkins	Mar. 31, 1739	Historical Memoirs of the Housatunach Indians.
Reynier Van Nest	Oct. 2, 1786	C.
Nathaniel Whitaker	Aug. 14, 1755	C.
Eilardus Westerlo	Nov. 14, 1763	G.
Henry Barclay	Feb. 12, 1762	Missionary to Mohawk Indians; printing Indian
	Apr. 12, 1763	Prayer Book.
Daniel Batwell	Oct. 1, 1777	Loyalist; petitions to be released from prison
	Nov. 7, 1777	on bail, on account of health.
Charles Beatty	Apr. 14, 1772	Appointment of missionary to Indians.
Joseph Bellamy	July 3, 1775	Army at Cambridge under Washington.
John Brainard	May 13, 1776	Refers to Indain held for murder.
John Carmichael	June 28, 1771	
William Andrews	July 20, 1770	
Joseph Badger		Early missionary west of the Alleghenies;
		Brigade Chaplain War of 1812.
Ashbel Baldwin		Episcopalean; first ordained in the U. S.;
		associated with Whitefield in establishing
		orphan home in Georgia.
Jeremy Belknap	1774-1798	Historian; Congregationalist.
Nathan Birdsey	1714-1818	Remarkable for longevity.
John Brainard*	Aug. 24, 1761	Resume of his Indian missionary activities.
James Caldwell*	Feb. 6, 1777	B; shot by British sentinel; to Major James
		Abel, Asst. Q. M. General, regarding teams for
		collecting hay for the army.
Henry Carver	Nov. 16, 1773	Publishing prayers in Mohawk language.
Joseph Clay, Jr.	Sept. 8, 1787	Baptist; discourse on history of Georgia.
Samuel Cooper*	June 1, 1781	C; declined presidency of Harvard; introducing
		a French nobleman, officer of distinction at
		Newport, to look over library at Cambridge.
Andrew Croswell	Nov. 5, 1784	Requests leave to meet in hall.
Jeremiah Day*	Jan. 3, 1774	Educating two Christian negroes.
James Dean	Oct. 23, 1784	Indian missionary; Major in Revolution; answer
		of Six Nations.
Jacob Duche	July 11, 1776	To Committee of Safety, requesting clerk and
		sexton be relieved from military service so
		they can function at Christ Church.
George Duffield*	Feb. 9, 1774	Chaplain Continental Congress.

Joseph Eckley Jonathan Edwards, Jr.	Aug. 28, 1783 July 27, 1786	Mentions two pamphlets to be published. President of Union College; discourse on
· ·		"Authority of the Law". "The improvement of some of our black people
Solomon Freligh	Not dated	is truly Surprising. They also hold their State praying Societies and are very Regular
		in their connection; President of the General
n	May 29, 1786	Synod of the Reformed Dutch Church in 1792. "The subject of controversy respecting a Paper
		currency is whether a Cartan Sum Shall be Emit- ted on Loan, a Bill to that Effect passed the
		Assembly but was rejected by a majority in the Counsel to the great dissatisfaction of a large
Levi Frisbie	Nov. 24, 1777	Majority of the Citizens." Refers to prices on clothing, beef, pork, corn, etc.; privateers.
William Graham	Sept. 21, 1786	Refers to essay upon Government to be printed and sold.
John Danile Gros	July 5, 1781	Praise for service in preservation of country; addressed to Hon. James Clinton, Commander of Northern Department, Albany.
19	Nov. 5, 1780	Addressed to His Excellency George Clinton, Governor of New York, Poughkeepsie.
Enos Hitchcock	May 31, 1786	В.
Samuel Hopkins	June 23, 1780	Preaching to blacks and against slavery.
Charles Inglis	May 25, 1771	Memorial regarding encouraging Christianizing
		and civilizing Indians; loyalist; Bishop of
		Nova Scotia; President, Columbia College, N. Y.
David Jones*	Aug. 9, 1787	B (Pennsylvania Line); memorial to Supreme
		Executive Council of Pennsylvania about
		commutation; Baptist.
11	Mar. 8, 1791	A. D. (Conneis Desirado), intimpto fraiond of
Moses Allen	Jan. 23, 1772	C; B (Georgia Brigade); intimate friend of Aaron Burr.
James F. Armstrong*	T 00 3000	B. Charlein expedition sessingt Fort Duquesne.
Thomas Barton	June 27, 1766	Chaplain expedition against Fort Duquesne; loyalist.
James Caldwell	Feb. 13, 1781	B: member of Congress; Louisiana Purchase.
Manassah Cutler*	Jan. 14, 1803	A: desires honorary degree for his son.
John Cleaveland	Aug. 20, 1785	B: President of Yale.
Timpthy Dwight Israel Evans		B (New Hampshire Brigade).
Eli Forbes	July 8, 1762	A: treaty with Agus, Chief of Nations;
ELL FOLIOUS	, =	missionary to Oneidas 1762.
John Gano	Feb. 7, 1764	B; Baptist.
David Griffith	Dec. 18, 1781	Agreement; B; friend of Washington; elected Bishop of Virginia but resigned.
Gideon Hawley*	Oct. 20, 1756 Nov. 26, 1761	A (Gridley's Regiment).
Enos Hitchcock		В.
Andrew Hunter	Dec. 24, 1780	B (Brigade).
David Jones	Mar. 2, 1781	A and B; Baptist.
Samuel Kirkland		Indiam missionary; B; founder Hamilton College, N. Y.
Mark Leavenworth		A.
William Luris	May 15, 1800	B; acting president Rutgers College.
Abiel Leonard		В.
Samuel MacClintock	Feb. 19, 1790	A; at Bunker Hill; scripture interpretation -
	Jan. 11, 1799	membership responsibility.

Robert McMordie*	May 22, 1789	B; order for payment of interest on
	Aug. 20, 1790	depreciation pay.
Alexander McWhorter		В.
John Mason*	Sept. 28, 1779	Appeal to Governor Clinton to save man
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Henry Munro	Apr. 1, 1772	A; loyalist; complains against six
031		dishonorable Highlanders.
Oliver Noble	00 5 50	B.
John Norton*	Aug. 20, 1746	A (Fort Massachusetts); prisoner of French
		at capitulation; taken to Canada, one year;
Doniouin Domonos		wrote narrative of his captivity.
Benjamin Pomeroy		A and B.
Thomas Prentiss		B. Charled in Consta 1996
Ammi Ruhamah Robbins		Chaplain in Canada 1776.
John Rodgers William Rogers		B (Heath's Brigade). B; professor University of Pennsylvania;
AIIII HOGELS		discusses commission and pay.
John Rosbrugh	Dec. 26, 1776	B: murdered by Hessians.
Ezra Sampson	בסים בסים ברוס	B.
David Sanford		В.
Cotton Mather Smith		В.
Hezekiah Smith*		B; Baptist; refers to "general shaking among
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Samuel Spring		В.
Nathan Strong		В.
Joseph Strong		В.
Nathaniel Taylor		A.
Joseph Thaxter		B•
Benjamin Turnbull		B; historian.
Samuel West		В.
Stephen Williams		A; in 1704 carried into captivity by French
		and Indians.
Zabdiel Adams	Jan. 8, 1788	Comments on new government.
Richard Allen	1760-1831	Colored Bishop of African M. E. Church;
		petition to have street paved.
Burgess Allison	1753-1827	Chaplain House of Representatives; Baptist.
Patrick Allison		Chaplain Continental Congress.
John Andrews	1746-1813	Provost University of Pennsylvania.
Abraham Ketellad	Dec. 28, 1774	Very patriotic; mentions requesting permission
	W- 9M 9M09	to visit New York April 20, 1782.
Samuel Kirkland	Jan. 17, 1791	Missionary Omeida Indians 40 years; B; strength
Charles Town Town	Man 07 1760	of Indians numerically.
Samuel Langdon	Mar. 27, 1769 Jan. 5, 1771	President Harvard 1774-1780; charther for Dartmouth College and further encouragement:
	Jan. 0, 1//1	publication of article in newspapers.
Tahm Tathman	Tune 20 1776	Account of war in New England.
John Lathrop David McGregore	June 20, 1776	C.
John Miller	1722-1791	C.
John Montgomery*	Nov. 12, 1778	To His Excellency President of Delaware,
John Monogomery	11018 1109 1110	requesting pass through British lines to N.
		Y. for passage to West Indies.
Samuel Morris	Mar. 22, 1764	Styled father of Presbyterianism in Virginia;
Deline Fig. 12	100 4 100	praises Rev. Finley of College of N. J.
John Murray	1741-1815	Selected by Washington chaplain brigade of
o omi maria d		troops stationed at Cambridge; founder of
		Universalism in America; eloquent preacher;
		good biography.
John Murray	1742-1793	Eloquent and patriotic Presbyterian; lottery
o omi mar i ag	Apr. 28, 1785	for Dartmouth.
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Charles Tisbit*	apr. 3, 1784	Presbyterian elergyman; first resident of Dickinson College; aidankaxiananakx
John C. Ogden		Aids to General Wooster in Revolution.
Ethan Osborn	art, t. Line	Soldier in the Revolution.
in mel A. Peters	July 1, 1795	Letter from London "A Law originally intended
	2, 2,00	to prevent the Poor from such Degrees & to raise a Revenue to the State"; loyalist.
Chilip luague	May 19, 1773	African preacher at Cape of Good Hope - dis-
	· ,	course on slavery.
Phomas Read	1746-1823	Of Delaware; ardent patriot in Revolution.
John Frederick Reichel	July 9, 1781	Extend passport.
Asaph Rice	0b. 1816 age 83	Missionary to Oneida Indians.
Theodoric Romeyn	1744-1804	Called "Dirck"; President of General Synod
		of Reformed Dutch Church 1784 & 1799; letter
		of intelligence about Vermont; twice declined
		presidency of Rutgers College.
Villiam Smith*	Dec. 17, 1768	First provost University of rennsylvania; to
		Sir William Johnson bearing upon church and Indian affairs.
Tzra Stiles*	Mar. 2, 1787	President of Yale 1778-1795; mentions drawings
		on rocks.
John Tucker	July 21, 1789	Urging appointment of friend as Collector.
Samuel Nales	Feb. 27, 1785	Professor of Divinity at Yale; to preach
	,	election sermon.
Nathaniel Thitaker	1732-1795	Presbyterian; ardent patriot Revolution.
Joseph Willard		President Harvard 1781-1804.
Bird Wilson	1777-1859	Judge and P. E. minister.
Matthew Wilson	1731-1790	C; Presbyterian minister; physician.
Thanan Tinchester*	Dec. 9, 1783	To His Excellency General Washington, written
		at Philadelphia, complimentary and congratulatory
		regarding his service to the nation.

Of necessity I have had to make the comments very brief. If you desire anything more explicit, please let me know and I will endeavor to give you the additional information. I am leaving the latter part of next week for a trip through the Carolinas but if you should wish to communicate with me, I can be reached in care of my brother-in-law, Ernest E. Gentry, Morgan Square, Spartanburg, South Carolina. I expect to do some work on my wife's ancestry, at several of the courthouses in the area. I am so anxious to complete it so that our two sons may know something of their worthy forebears and family connections on their mother's side. I have fairly good data on about one hundred and twenty five families but as you know, going back ten generations means one thousand and twenty four ancestors and it entails a lot of work to gather something about each individual family.

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Dear Dr. Robinson:

presume that arrangements would have to be made in England, possibly directly with the Earl of Dartmouth, to photostat the William Smith letter to Whitefield of Dec. 6, 1765. The only text available here is the abstract in the Eleventh Report of the Historical Manuscripts Commission of Great Britain, Appendix, Part V, p. 331-332.

Sincerely yours, Lui W. Otanh Lewis M. Stark, Chief

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August 13, 1953

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Dear Dr. Robinson:

I am enclosing a list of pamphlets in part of our Sprague Collection published in the years in which you are interested. This involved about ten hours of typing. I trust that the list will be of some value to you.

You will note that the list covers only about 100 volumes of this collection. I have been wondering whether this will really meet your needs, if we should find time to continue the procedure as we have time over the next year or two.

The usual bibliographical approach to such a problem is to consult the American Bibliography by Charles Evans. This set in 12 volumes lists many publications between 1639 and 1799 published in America, and arranges them by date of publication. This should be supplemented by such other works as Joseph Sabin's Dictionary of Books Relating to America. I understand that Leonard J. Trinterud has a manuscript of bibliographics of Presbyterianism down to the date of the first General Assembly, and possibly some of the denominational bibliographies might be helpful to you.

After you have glanced at these lists, I shall be glad to hear how satisfactorily they serve your program, or whether some improvement can be made in our efforts to help you.

Sinderely yours,

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We also have an extensive file of American Colonial newspapers and these are a continual source of important information concerning that period. It is entirely possible that they may contain communications from clergymen, but to search them thoroughly would entail a vast amount of time and labor. There are also fine collections of 18th century American papers, as you doubtless know, at the American Antiquarian society in Worcester, Mass., at the Yale and Harvard libraries and at the New York Historical Society.

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I desire to secure negative photostats of certain letters given in abstract in the Dartmouth Papers. Can you please suggest the proper procedure?

Some of the items wanted are listed below.

- l- William Smith to George Whitefield December 6,1765 Eleventh Report of the Hist.Mss.Commission of Gt.Britain, Appendix, Part V, p/331-332
- 2- Dutch Church of New York to the King February 27,1772 Dartmouth MSS,14th Report, Appendix, Part X,p.82
- 3- William Gordon to Lord Dartmouth
 August 28,1773
 Dartmouth MSS, 14th Report, Appendix, Part X, pp. 169 and 173
- 4- Eli Forbes to Governor Hutchinson September 26,1773 Dartmouth MSS, 11th Report, Appendix, Part V.p. 338
- 5-United Presbyterian Churches of New York to Lord Dartmouth October 20,1773 Dartmouth MSS,14th Report, Appendix, Part X,p.178
- 6- William Gordon to Lord Dartmouth
 December 11,1773

 Dartmouth MSS, 14th Report, Appendix, Part X, p. 183
- 7- John Rodgers to J.T.Esq February 17,1775 Dartmouth MSS,11th Report,Appendix,Part V, p.374
- 8- Episcopal Clergy of New York and New Jersey to Lord Dartmouth May 18,1774 Dartmouth MSS,14th Report, Appendix, Part X, p.219
- 9- Lord Dartmouth to Episcopal Clergy of N Y & N J July 14,1774 Dartmouth MSS,14th Report, Appendix, Fart X, p.219

With hearty thanks for your help, I am, Very sincerely,

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Dear Dr. Robinson:

Thank you very much for your letter of the 11th. I wish that it were possible for me to meet you and Mr. Pew on the 29th, but I simply could not make that date or any date prior to October 15. I know Sunday is a busy day with you and no doubt Saturdays and Mondays are bad for you also, but if I were to come East it would be lots easier for me to have the time so arranged that it would fall on either a Monday or a Saturday. Of course if Mr. Pew were to be in Chicago, that would be the easiest of all. If I were to come East, plane would be much quicker though of course it would be more costly than clergy travel by train. I have no engagements now that will bring me to the east until November 20. In many ways, I would hope that we could talk things over before that time.

I'm afraid my memory has slipped a little on the Dartmouth collection of letters of which you speak. While I was in London last month I did make what I think will turn out to be some very good arrangements for microfilming and photo-statting things in London. At least we are going to place an imitial order with the people and see what they do with it. Therefore, if you'll tell me more precisely about the Dartmouth collection, I'll try to get a much more specific answer for you. Also, as soon as our initial order with these people has cleared and come back, I'll let you know what our experience with them turned out to be. My present judgment is that it will be a week or ten days before our librarian is able to get the order off to them, and I suppose it will be a month to six weeks before the photostats and microfilms get back to us. I also made some good arrangements, I think, in Geneva but I suppose that's outside of what you're after.

I shall look forward then to hearing further from either you or Mr. Pew, and hope that before too much longer we shall have a chance to go over our common interests. Thank you again for your letter.

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Dear Dr. Robinson:

I thank you for your kind attention.
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I have some sermons by Witherspoon and Davies but they are expensive individually and I doubt if they would suit your purpose. The works of both of these collected men were printed during the late Eighteenth and early Nineteenth Centuries and I think that that is what you should have. These are not rare books in the accepted sense of the word but they will be hard to find because there is no market for them. The price will be nominal if you have the patience. I will see what I can do.

You have me stumped on Lyman Hall. A check of Sabin, Evans and Dexter fail to reveal that any of his works were ever printed. May I suggest that you write to -

W. W. DeRenne,
The Archives,
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If I have any luck with Witherspoon and Davies, I will let you know.

With good wishes, I am

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Dear Sir,

With reference to your letter of 12th September I write to say that I am informed by the Department of manuscripts that none of the items mentioned is in the British Museum.

I understand that the 1946 Report (22nd) of the Historical Lanuscripts Commission indicates that the bulk of the items in question are still in the possession of the Earl of Dartmouth although some apparently, are at Ottawa.

For your information, I would mention that the address of the Earl of Dartmouth is understood to be Patshull House, Wolverhampton, and you should perhaps address your request to him to Ottawa.

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I was unduly optomistic when I assumed that I had a number of items by Davies and Witherspoon. I did two or three years ago but of those only the following remain -

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Mr. Stewart M. Robinson 23 Kempshall Place Elizabeth 3, New Jersey

Dear Mr. Robinson:

I have your letter of September 11 and also of October 7. All of the items on the list sent to you are in our possession. However, they are bound up twenty or thirty pamphlets to a volume and photostating may injure the binding, although it can be done, if necessary. However, if you know of copies which are bound up individually or unbound, the photostating can be done from those copies much more easily and with less damage to each pamphlet.

With regard to carrying on the listing of items in the Sprague Collection, I am afraid that we will not have time to do it with our own library staff, now that school is in session. However, I can, if you wish try to find students typists who might be willing to do it for you. We would have to pay them 75% an hour to start and raise them to \$1 an hour as soon as we find they are reasonably competent. If you wish this done, will you please authorize the suggested rate of pay and tell me again the inclusive dates which interest you.

With regard to the Sprague Collection elsewhere, I feel sure that it would be improper for me to suggest to other libraries that they undertake a similar procedure. The Collection at Albany, I believe, is chiefly manuscript material of Sprague. I do not know about Yale. The Divinity School at Harvard has quite a lot. Drew had some pertaining to Methodism, but the pamphlets were not kept together as a separate collection and probably can no longer be traced. I believe that all of these institutions would urge you to have someone make a thorough bibliographical search through Evans, Sabin, and the Imprints Inventory Publications to obtain your initial list of titles, and then hunt for a location of specific titles and try to supplement the list, if possible.

Singerely yours

Kenneth S. Gapp

His Grace the Earl of Dartmouth ()
Patshull House
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Your Grace:

In connection with compiling material on the above named subject I desire to secure full photostatic prints of sundry letters sent by colonial clergymen to the Earl of Tartmouth, now abstracted in the volumes of the Historical Januscripts Commission.

In particular I desire

- (1) 2 July 1773 Dutch Church to the King Dartmouth MSS 14th Report, Appendix, Part X, p. 160
- (2) Livingston to Lord Partmouth, same reference, same date
- (3) 20 October 1773 United Presbyterian Churches of New York
 to Harl of Lartmouth Dartmouth MSS 14th
 Report, Appendix, Part X p.178
- (4) Episcopal Clergy of New York and New Jersey to Lord Dartmouth 18 May 1774 Dartmouth MSS, 14th Report, Appendix, Part X, p. 219

 And Lord Dartmouth's Reply . same reference date 14 July 1774
- (5) Bishop of London to Lord Dartmouth, letter transmitting Letter from Clergy of N.Y. & N.J. Part X pp 218-219

With deep appreciation of your interest, I beg

to remain

Most respectfully yours,

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October 15, 1953.

Dear Dr. Robinson:

Mercy Warren was the daughter of James Otis, the famous Massachusetts lawyer and patriot. She married James Warren so her relationship to Dr. Joseph Warren would be cousin several times removed - I guess. I am not expert in such matters.

She was one of the most remarkable American women of the Eighteenth Century. She was as active poitically as a lady of that period could be and in addition to her history wrote several pamphlets on controversial political matters.

The <u>History</u> is not a rare book and a copy should come along within the year.

Incidently, I have had no luck so far with Davies and Witherspoon.

With good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

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We have manuscripts of a great many of his contemporaries and undoubtedly he is referred to in much of this material. If you wish to have some one make a search for these fugitive references, we can get some one to do this work. Unfortunately our manuscript materials are not yet sufficiently indexed to bring these to light readily.

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THOMPSON R. HARLOW, Director

November 25, 1953

Dr. Stewart M. Robinson 23 Kempshall Place Elizabeth 3, New Jersey:

Dear Dr. Robinson:

This is a very busy time of the year for us and I have just this day checked your list of November 13. We do not have the following:

Foster, Dan: Defense of Civil Liberty .. 1780. Do not locate this in Evans.

Langdon, Samuel: Joy and Gratitude to God (Portsmouth) 1760.

The remainder we will endeavour to have photostated next week. Your instructions will be given the commercial ope rator and I trust he will follow them.

Sincerely yours,

442 West School House Lane, Philadelphia 44, Pennsylvania, November 29, 1953.

Dr. Stewart II. Robinson, 25 Kempshall Place, "lizabeth 3, New Jersey.

Sear Dr. Robinson:

In the quiet of the evenings during lirs. Mnight's recovery from her falls and the railroad wreck, I have had opportunity to examine, with care and pleasure, the pilot run of "The Political Thought of the Colonial Clergy", under your pen, and I want to first compliment you upon your presentation and the excellent manner of arrangement.

I have thoroughly enjoyed contents of the basic material and feel you have been well guided in your selections. It is with considerable interest and anticipation that I look forward to the balance.

The letters which I perused and wrote you about are not comparable with the sermons noted and I am convinced any future research should be confined to the latter and newspaper possibilities. Not in a single instance did any one of the clergy express thoughts in letters of similar vein to those contained in the sermons.

Thile you did not mention proof-reading, that is something I am extremely particular about and I have discovered the following which I feel should be brought to your attention:

Foreword, first page, twelfth line, "American revolution"; should not the latter be capitalized?

Samuel Phillips, May 30, 1750, last page, bottom of column one and top of column two, is the quotation correct? It seems confused.

William White, George Duffield & John Witherspoon, September 12, 1782, last page, column two, fifth line, priest instead of pries.

Then you can get to it I wish you would forward me the list of the chaplains you wrote of sometime ago so that I can check it against the index at the Historical Society. I will be very glad to do this and you need not be too concerned about the budget. I have some spare time which I can devote to a worthy cause and a continuing interest prompts me to make this suggestion.

Sincerely.



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November 30, 1953.

Dr. Stewart M. Robinson, 23 Kempshall Pl., Elizabeth 3, M.J.

Dear Dr. Robinson:

I would like to call your attention to a notable book. It is notable both in format and content.

Willard (Samuel) - A Compleat Bidy of Divinity in Two
Hundred and Fifty Expository Lectures on the Assembly's
Shorter Catechism wherein The Doctrines of the Christian
Religion are unfolded. Folio Boston 1726

Sabin 28-104075 Evans 1-2828 Dexter 2880

This physically was the largest book to be printed in America up to 1726. On the intellectual side of the ledger it was the most comprehensive survey of Congregationalism to appear in Colonial America in one single work. Willard was Pastor of South Church in Boston and active in Harvard affairs. Politically he was active in a quiet way in the Witchcraft and Andros troubles always, I am happy to sat, on the side of right. This work is literally a mine of material on almost any phase of colonial life although it takes some digging to get at it.

This is the first edition. My copy is collated perfect and bound in original blind tooled calf with the hinges cracked in places. The price is \$25.00

I shall be glad to send this along for your inspection.

With the hope that you had a pleasant Thanksgiving, I am

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Dr. Stewart M. Robinson, 23 Kempshall Pl., Elizabeth 3, N.J.

Dear Dr. Robinson:

I thank you for your interest in the Willard and for your check. I am sending the book along and I trust that it will meet with your approval. If not, please do not hesitate to return it.

While I am at it, do you have the following -

A Confession of Faith Owned and Consented to by the Elders and Dessengers Of the Churches In the Colony of Connecticut in New-England, Assembled by Delegation at Say Brook September 9th. 1708

12mo. New London 1760

Sabin 4-15448 Evans 3-8733 Dexter 2648

This comprises the celebrated "Saybrook Platform" which formed the basis of church polity and religious belief in Connecticut during the Eighteenth Century.

This is the second edition. The first edition, printed in New Lonson in 1710, was the first book printed in Connecticut and it would be both scarce and expensive. My copy of the second is collated perfect and bound in modern cloth. The price is \$8.00

I shall be glad to send this along for your inspection.

With many thanks for your kind attention,

I am

Sincerely,



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December 29, 1953

Dr. Stewart M. Robinson Second Presbyterian Church East Jersey Street, near Broad Elizabeth 4, N.J.

Dear Dr. Robinson:

Thank you for your letter of the 22nd and for the enclosed brochure of your project on the colonial clergy. Since I have been attending meetings of the historical societies here in Chicago all week, I've not had a chance to read the brochure carefully. After I've studied it more I shall be writing you. If I could have your permission to do so I'd like to talk it over with several historians whom I know and whom I think might be interested in it. Also I'll be glad to write more fully my own comments.

I am very happy to know that Mr. Pew is interested in going ahead with the project which I have in mind. In answer, therefore, to your request for specific plans I'd like to submit the following:

- I would like to have clearance from Mr. Pew to enter into preliminary negotiations with a suitable publisher. These would be strictly preliminary negotiations in order to come to some agreement on scheduling, on the size of the proposed volumes, the method of prefacing and annotating and other technical matters, together with some understanding about the subsidy involved, some understanding about marketing, and the like. In these preliminary negotiations it would of course be necessary to present to the publisher the whole project which we have ultimately in mind. No contracts would be written at this stage and no contract would be written until the manuscript of Volume 1 is ready and, at least in my thinking, the volumes should be contracted for one at a time as the manuscripts become ready. But the publisher would have to know at the beginning what the total project was going to look like. As I told Mr. Pew, I have in mind the Oxford University Press or some similar press which has the facilities for reaching the reader audience which we have in mind.
- 2. I would like also to arrange at this stage for a small advisory group of from three to five specialists in the field of Puritan studies. I would like to have this group act in an unofficial and unpaid way as advisors to me in making the final plans for the series of volumes, determining the materials to be published in them, and ehecking the work which I do. I want to make sure that no stone has been left unturned in the effort to make these volumes as good as they possibly can be.

There would be another very great gain to be had from working with such a group of advisors. The men whom I have in mind are all well known specialists in the field, men who have wide contacts with other professors, with learned societies and various scholarly periodicals. By interesting these men now in the project which we are planning, we would gain an enormous amount of priceless publicity through the word which these men would pass along here and there from time to time about our project. As you know, this is the finest kind of publicity you can get and it doesn't cost anything.

- 3. When I saw Mr. Pew in Chicago I told him of my hope that it would be possible to arrange for some mechanical aids for this job. I explained that I thought we should be able to save a great deal of money in the preparation of the manuscript by using a tape recording machine over which I could read for the stenographer the text of some of these older materials in which the spelling and language is very difficult for someone who does not know Elizabethan English. Translating also would be easier this way. Mr. Pew said he thought arrangements could be made for me to use a tape recording machine. If possible I would like to have such a machine available early in this coming February.
- 4. When I spoke to Mr. Pew I expressed the hope that it would be possible to get the manuscripts for these volumes prepared upon a budget of approximately \$500.00 per volume. Frankly, that is only a guess on my part but after Volume 1 has been done we will have a much better idea. Since I would like to begin work about February 1, I would like to begin receiving at least some part of the money necessary for preparing the manuscript of Volume 1. I don't know how Mr. Pew would like to handle this matter and so I leave it to his judgment as to whether it should come to me in one lump sum or in lesser sums over a stated period of time, or whether I should draw from time to time as the need arose.

I shall have a rather heavy teaching load this coming semester, but beginning about February 1 I should like to commence cutting down as much as I possibly can on all outside things and concentrating all my spare time on this venture. There are some things I can't drop. I have two or three offices and jobs in the World Council and with the Evanston meeting coming I'll have to give some time to that, and then I am one of the two editors of CHURCH HISTORY and I'll have to stay with that. I would hope, however, to get free of almost everything else in order to concentrate on this. I can put in about ten weeks almost solidly on it this summer. That, plus what time I can spend next school year and the following summer ought to enable me to get the manuscript of the first volume to the printer sometime late in 1955. Thereafter

I would hope to be able to get off one volume every twelve or eighteen months.

May I thank you and Mr. Pew again for your interest in what I am trying to do. For your convenience I am enclosing a carbon copy of this letter for Mr. Pew.

Cordially yours,

L. J. Trinterud

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